

Mount Vernon City Library



Sonya Beard's Continuing Legacy

by Brian Soneda, Library Director

Sonya Beard passed away on June 5, 2010, but she is not forgotten by anyone who cares about the value of a good public library in this community, nor will she ever be forgotten. Based on a lifelong love of reading and a core commitment to giving back to the community, Sonya made a pledge of over \$500,000 to the Skagit Community Foundation, as a "lead gift" to encourage the eventual building of a new library in Mount Vernon. Her generosity gave a huge jump start to the formation of the Mount Vernon Library Foundation, a new group dedicated to fund-raising and advocacy in support of a new library. The Mount Vernon Library Foundation, in conjunction with partners like the Skagit Community Foundation, is pledged to making Sonya Beard's dream come true. Interested in joining the Foundation in this effort? Contact Brian Soneda at 360-336-6209.



Sonya Beard, 1936-2010

Featured Online Database

by Michael Thompson, Electronic Resources Librarian

Need to know about a medical condition? More and more, people are looking to the Internet to find answers to their health-related questions. There's just one problem. Medical information on the Internet is often unreliable. How can you know that the information you find online is accurate?

Library patrons can find reliable and accurate answers to their health questions by using EBSCO's **Consumer Health Complete**. This online database provides full-text content covering all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine.

Consumer Health Complete contains:

- Full text for more than 250 health reference books and encyclopedias
- Thousands of full-text evidence-based, health reports
- Hundreds of medical images and diagrams
- More than 750 physician-generated videos
- More than 2,350 Health Daily videos from NBC Digital Health Network
- More than 450 full-text consumer health pamphlets and leaflets
- Cover-to-cover full text from more than 550 consumer health related periodicals
- More than 240 animations

This great resource is available for free to all on any of the Library's Electronic Resource Center computers. If you have an MVCL library card, you can access **Consumer Health Complete** from anywhere you have Internet access. Just select the Online Resources link on the Library's web page, click on the icon for **Consumer Health Complete**, and enter the barcode from the back of your card when prompted.

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Who supports the library?

- You do, through City taxes
- The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library
- The Mount Vernon Library Foundation
- Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.

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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by Dave Johnson

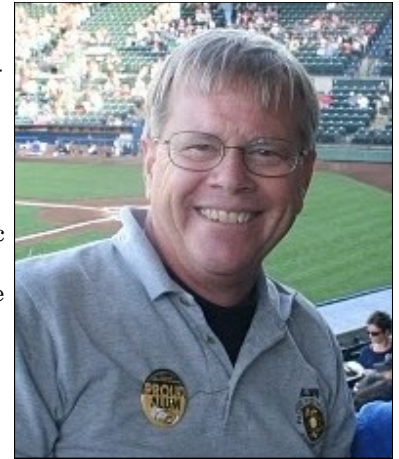
If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need. ~Cicero

Cicero wrote that over 2000 years ago and his thoughts are just as true today. During summer, many of us happily spend hours upon end in two of our favorites places: our garden and our library. Those places almost have a symbiotic relationship, because we can learn how to improve our garden by visiting the library, and what better place to read on a summer Skagit Valley evening than in our garden?

While gardens need year-round attention, your library does, too. Major cuts in civic funding are taking their toll on library services, just as they do in other areas of Mount Vernon. Your *Friends of the Mount Vernon Library* raises funds to support the library in ways the city just can't right now. Recently, we've purchased "behind the scenes" items like paper cutters and book carts plus things you see, such as shelving and seating areas. The Friends supports programs, as well, such as the summer reading program for teens and visits by local authors.

Join us, won't you? Ask a librarian how...it'll be some of the best three bucks you'll invest!

p.s. Don't forget to donate your gently used books for our sale on September 24. Bring your friends and buy some, too! And thanks!!



Dave Johnson, President

An Interview with author William Dietrich,

conducted by Sara Holahan, Deputy Director

Local resident William Dietrich won the Pulitzer prize for his reporting for the *Seattle Times*. He has published nine novels and several nonfiction books. *The Final Forest* won the Northwest Booksellers Award. His latest book, *Blood of the Reich*, is likely to be his breakout hit. Deputy Director Sara Holahan had the opportunity to meet with the author and talk about writing.

SH: You currently live in Skagit County and parts of your new book are set here. Are you originally from the Northwest?

WD: Yes, I grew up in Tacoma and went to Western Washington University. I worked for the student paper, the *Western Front*, but my first paid job was at the *Bellingham Herald* when I was the Skagit reporter. I really liked the Skagit Valley, which is why my wife and I moved up here after our children got through high school. I guess I've come full circle.

SH: Have you always liked writing?

WD: Yes, I wrote fiction in high school and always liked reading. I majored in Journalism at Western, figuring it was a better way to make a living as a writer.

SH: What motivated you to move from working as a journalist to writing a full-length book?

WD: I was the science writer for *Seattle Times* and had written about the spotted owl. I was approached by Simon and Shuster about making a book, *The Last Forest*. It just was reissued last November by UW Press.

I had also gone to Antarctica and heard about a Nazi expedition there and so used that as a basis for the novel, *Ice Reich*. Now my latest novel is about Nazis and the publisher named it *Blood of the Reich*. It wasn't my choice of a title, but it's interesting how my life comes back in circles, now two books with Reich in the title.

SH: What challenges are there going from journalist to writer of books?

WD: I viewed writing the nonfiction book like stringing together 20 magazine articles end to end, so it was less daunting. With journalism, writing is a little bit straight-laced...you have to follow certain rules. In fiction, it's about telling a good story. You have to be comfortable making things up, so writing a novel is quite different.

2011 July—September Library Events Calendar

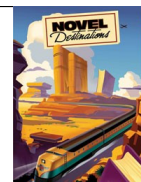
(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

July 5-August 9	One World Many Stories, Music & Crafts, 2-3 pm, 5-12 years, Tuesdays*
July 6-July 27	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, 3-6 years, Wednesdays.
July 7-July 28	Summer Explorers, 2-3 pm, 6-9 years, Thursdays.
July 8-July 29	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, 2-3 years, Fridays.
July 11-July 25	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Birth-2 years, Mondays.
July 14, Aug 11, Sept 8	Teen Writing Group, 5:30-7:30 pm.
July 13	Steve Chaney & Corny Crow-Ventriloquist, 3 pm, for ages 5 and up*
July 16	Hillcrest Art Festival, 10 am-4 pm, at Hillcrest Park, for all ages*
July 20	LEGO Building, 1-7 pm, for all ages*
July 21, Aug 18, Sept 15	ASIF! Teen Advisory Board, 5-6 pm
July 22	African Drumming, 6-7 pm for 6-12 years; 7:30-8:30 pm for teens*
July 26	Doug Banner: Multicultural Storyteller, 11 am-12 Noon, for ages 8 and up*
July 29	Silent Library Game Night, 6-8 pm for teens
August 1	Alex Zerbe: Juggler-Comedian, 6:30 pm, at Hillcrest Lodge, for all ages*
August 10	LEGO Building, 1-7 pm, for all ages*
August 26, Sept 30	Teen Game Night, 6-8 pm.
September 24	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library Book Sale (outside), 10 am-4 pm.

*One World Many Stories Summer Reading Program events

NOVEL DESTINATIONS—Summer Reading for Adults

Share your reading journeys by filling out a book review or reading map. Each submission will be entered for a chance to win some great prizes including the Grand Prize of a night's lodging at Anchorage Inn on Whidbey Island. Forms available at the library or online.



William Dietrich interview, continued...

SH: Could you tell me a little about what your typical writing day involves?

WD: I write every day, including weekends. I get up early, starting about 7:30 or 8 and write for as long as I can stand it. I know what my deadline is from the publisher. It is like a job, hard work, and not really that glamorous.

SH: Have you ever had writer's block and what did you do about it?

WD: That's not allowed in journalism, so I guess that was good training for me. I have good days and not so good. The first draft of writing is always difficult, but I think people look for excuses. You can't do that with reporting—you have to meet your deadline.

For the rest of this interview, ctrl + click on: www.ci.mount-vernon.wa.us/page.asp?Q_navigationid_E_211

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Bud Norris.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Chair), Paul Jurenka (Vice Chair), Bill Craig (Secretary), Scott Correa and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

2011 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-5 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-8 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-8 PM
Thursday	10 AM-8 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 17	Martin Luther King Day
February 21	Presidents' Day
May 30	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Day
December 26	Christmas Day (observed)

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

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Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

